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EXTENSION OF TIME REQUEST PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136 (a) (3)

This Petition for Extension of Time is being filed to ensure pendency of this application for the purpose of filing a continuation application, which is being filed on the same day as the present Petition. A response to the outstanding Office Action in the present application WILL be filed under separate cover.

The Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply, which requires a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

The Commissioner also is authorized to charge the fee required for such an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 05-0221.

Respectfully submitted.

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